



Wakefield HS Band Patrons

1325 S. Dinwiddie St.

Arlington, VA 22206

Minutes of the April 13, 2015 Meeting

Welcome and introductions. PTA officers/members present.

President's Report

1. Well Done on the Jazz Café! Great work together raising approx. \$1,900 net.
2. It was agreed by all to hold off on any major fundraisers for this year.

Band Director's Report

1. Upcoming Events:
 - a. April 16-19 – Band Trip to New York
 - b. April 27 – Parents Band information night.
 - c. June 4th – 7:30 pm Spring Concert
 - d. June 11 – Marching Band Reading Session
 - e. Aug 17-21 and Aug 24-28 1pm-9pm Band camp
 - f. Aug 28 – Back to School Band Night
 - g. Sept 4 – First football game – Band to play
 - h. Sept 8 – First day back to school
2. Student assessments went very well – highest scores since the 60's.
3. Enrollments are tracking to up to 80 members for band next year.
4. Mr. D. will be engaging the students to help with the next year program for music for the marching band helping with the design process for the show.
5. Mr. D. will put together a list on what is needed for next year that will help with working a budget for next year. This may include new flags and poles for guard, podium skirts, new banner for the band parades with the new warrior symbol on it and new drum hoods.
6. Mr. D will also put together a list of rising 6th graders that will be joining band to be able to get information to families. He will also connect with the 6th grade music teachers for Wakefield feeder middle schools to advertise the Parents Band information night on April 27.
7. Additional help from parents may be needed next year with the larger band to include:>
 - a. Lining the field
 - b. Water Stations at camp
 - c. Summer Camp assistance
 - d. Props – building items for the performance
8. Mr. D will be looking at dates and what events the band will do next fall. This may be a decision to attend both National and State (at Annapolis) or just one. One is on a Sunday in Allentown PA and the other is an open class event at the Meadowlands at Giant Stadium in New Jersey.

Treasurer Report:

- 1) Jazz Café was a grand success and enable us to reach and bypass our goal of \$3,000.
- 2) Current balance is \$3,292.38 which allows for clinicians and other items.

Communications Report:

- 1) Information was handed out about summer band camps in and around the area. This included band camps at W&L, Shenandoah, Vienna, Alexandria, George Mason, University of VA, Northern VA Youth Symphony, Rappahannock, University of Maryland, University of North Carolina, Boston University, Interlochen Summer Music, Wyoming Seminary in Penn PA and other miscellaneous summer music camps.

Fundraising Report:

- 1) There were some ideas identified for possible fundraising next year:
 - a. General Student Music Talent show
 - b. Fruit Sales
 - c. Popcorn Sales
 - d. Poinsettia Sales
 - e. "invest in Me" campaign for soliciting donations
- 2) Additional discussion was centered around individual accounts vs group funds where everyone does it and proceeds go to all.
- 3) Discussion also was in agreement with helping to subsidize chaperone travel. Currently the parent has to pay full amount as the student.
- 4) New item that might be a fundraiser would be Spirit Wear for the Band.

Next Meeting, Monday, May 4, 2015 in the Band room.